

Sports shorts

NFL’s Cardinals hire female coach

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals have hired Jen Welter to coach inside linebackers through their upcoming training camp and preseason.

The Cardinals say Welter is believed to be the first woman to hold a coaching position of any kind in the NFL. Welter played running back and special teams in 2014 for the Texas Revolution of the Indoor Football League, becoming the first woman to hold a non-kicking position for a men’s professional sports league.

“I am honored to be a part of this amazing team,” Welter said on Twitter on Monday night.

Welter coached linebackers and special teams for the Revolution last season, becoming the first woman to coach in a men’s pro football league. Her general manager with the Revolution was 2015 NFL Hall of Fame inductee Tim Brown.



A-Rod homers on 40th birthday

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is hitting home runs in his 40s, just like he did as a teenager.

A-Rod marked his 40th birthday Monday night

by homering for the New York Yankees against Texas, the team that gave him his first huge contract.

His sixth-inning drive off Matt Harrison was his big league-best sixth on his birthday, according to STATS, breaking a tie with Todd Helton, Chipper Jones, Derrek Lee and Al Simmons.

He joined Ty Cobb, Rusty Staub and Gary Sheffield as the only players to homer as teenagers and at age 40 or older.

The Yankess won the game 6-2.

“I figured that if I hit more home runs, it would justify for whatever behavior I had off the field. And I realize today that it’s not that way at all. Hitting home runs doesn’t make you a good father. It doesn’t make you a good friend.”

— Alex Rodriguez
New York Yankees DH reflecting on a career that has spanned two decades and began in 1994 with Seattle.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1928 — The Summer Games open in Amsterdam and the Olympic flame is lit for the first time.

1984 — The Summer Olympics open in Los Angeles with a record 140 nations competing. The Soviet Union and 13 Communist allies, including Cuba and East Germany, boycott the games.

1994 — On the night baseball players set an Aug. 12 strike date, Kenny Rogers of the Texas Rangers pitches a perfect game for a 4-0 victory over California.

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PILOT ROCK

Pilot Rock reaches regional semifinals

Senior all-stars face undefeated hosts

East Oregonian

MISSOULA, Mont. — The Pilot Rock senior Little League softball

team wrapped up pool play at Western Regionals on Monday in a 10-3 loss to Hawaii (Waikoloa).

The outcome dropped the Oregon state champions to 3-4 since play began in Missoula, Montana, on Friday and tied them for fourth place in pool play with the host-

state team from Billings.

But Pilot Rock had defeated Montana (Billings) 4-1 the day before, giving them the head-to-head tiebreaker and the final spot in today’s semifinals.

Their draw is a well-rested and undefeated Missoula squad that

squeaked past Oregon’s girls 3-2 in the tournament opener, then won their next six games by a combined 45-6 margin.

In their first meeting, Pilot Rock pitcher Tehya Ostrom held Missoula to five hits while striking out 11, but

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HERMISTON

Big inning advances Pendleton



Pendleton 10/11’s Jacob Devereaux connects for a single in Sunday’s win over Gresham at the Little League baseball state tournament at the Field of Dreams complex in Hermiston. Pendleton won 13-5 to earn a spot in the semifinals.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup

Little League all-stars face top seed in state semifinals

By MATT ENTRUP

East Oregonian

Facing elimination and trailing early in Sunday’s pool-play finale against Gresham, Pendleton 10/11’s manager Dan Primus wasn’t worried.

“They’ve been down in situations before, so I wasn’t concerned in the first inning, because they don’t give up,” he said.

The players repaid their coach’s confidence and then some, and rallied in back-to-back at-bats for a 13-5 win that secured their position

in today’s semifinals at the Little League baseball state tournament in Hermiston.

After falling behind 4-1 in the first inning, Pendleton instantly began the comeback trail with a pair of runs in the second, but it wasn’t until the fourth that their bats finally

came uncorked.

With Gresham showing some rust to its fielding in its tournament debut, Pendleton loaded the bases before getting consecutive singles by Tyasin Burns and Jack Monkman.

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WNBA

Moore surpasses Schimmel, lifts West

By DOUG FEINBERG

Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Maya Moore has always enjoyed playing in Connecticut. She put on another show in the state at the league’s All-Star Game.

Moore scored a record 30 points to lead the West to a 117-112 victory over the East on Saturday. She had eight straight points in the final 2 minutes to turn a one-point deficit into a 113-106 advantage for the West. After a basket by the East cut it to a four-point game, the Minnesota forward hit another deep 3-pointer to seal the victory.

“It was a blast of a game, those are moments that are fun for us,” said Moore, who starred at UConn and led the Huskies to an NCAA-record 90 straight wins and two national championships. “The game’s on the line, one-point game, let’s go out and play, see who wins.”

Moore, who was honored as the game’s MVP, surpassed Shoni Schimmel’s 29 points in last year’s overtime game. Schimmel led all players in minutes after fans voted the second-year Atlanta Dream reserve into the East’s starting lineup. Schimmel finished with 13 points as one of four East players in double digits, and tied Indiana star Tamika Catchings for a team-high



AP Photo/Jessica Hill

West’s Maya Moore, right, of the Minnesota Lynx, and East’s Shoni Schimmel, of the Atlanta Dream, fight for a rebound during the second half of the WNBA All-Star basketball game, Saturday, July 25, 2015, in Uncasville, Conn. West won 117-112.

with six assists.

The West’s victory was the All-Star swan song for Catchings, who has played in a record 10 of them. She is planning to retire at the end of next season and the WNBA typically doesn’t play All-Star games in Olympic years.

Catchings became the league’s career leader in All-Star points with a putback in the second quarter right after she broke up a potential dunk attempt by Brittney Griner on a fast break. She finished her All-Star career with 108 points, passing Lisa Leslie.

NBA

Trail Blazers get picks, help Cavs clear cap room

By TOM WITHERS

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Cavaliers have traded forward Mike Miller and center Brendan Haywood to the Portland Trail Blazers to create salary-cap room and save luxury-tax money.

The Cavs have been shopping Haywood’s expiring \$10.5 million contract for weeks and worked out a deal with the Blazers, who will also get two second-round picks from Cleveland. Both teams confirmed the trade on Monday.

The Blazers are expected to cut Haywood, who barely played for Cleveland last season. Miller was signed last summer, bringing playoff experience and 3-point shooting to the Cavs, but he was hardly used in the playoffs.

Haywood, a 13-year NBA veteran, has averaged 6.8 points and six rebounds during stints with Washington, Dallas, Charlotte and Cleveland.

Miller, a 15-year veteran, has averaged 11.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists with stops in Orlando, Memphis, Minnesota, Washington, Miami and Cleveland.

The moves will allow the Cavs to create trade exceptions for \$10.5 million and \$2.85 million to sign players.

The Blazers were able to absorb the contracts of both players because the team is under the salary cap.

It is believed that Portland will waive Haywood before his contract becomes guaranteed on Saturday. Miller, whose \$2.8 million salary next season is guaranteed, will reportedly seek a buyout and become a free agent.

